

Better: what would I have said  
to myself.

/perfect modal: expressing  
past

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### Quarantine journal day 9

The situation is tough, everything is changing faster than we have expected. Coronavirus popped up out of nowhere and now we must deal with it. What would I say to myself ten days ago? As Italians we underestimate the whole situation. I even used to make fun of people for wearing face masks, so stop it and go buy one. The whole "It's just flu... It's not that bad" thing. We took it lightly. The whole infection doesn't affect only seniors. There is a lot of cases of young people getting intubated and placed into intensive care. You should go outside, only if it is indispensable. And now as a nurse I work deadly shifts at the hospital.

Dry cough, fever and shortness of breath are three main symptoms of this disease. Sometimes it might seem as a pneumonia, because the symptoms are very similar. Nevertheless, from my experience, the main problem is dry cough, which causes problems with breathing. People cough that much, and as consequence, they start to choke. Due to shortness of breath, there is huge amount of stroke cases. Even though you might feel healthy, you could be infected and you might not even know about it.

Everyday there is new ban regarding schools, restaurants, pubs and clubs, and even go out without face masks. It starts with schools getting closed and cancelling events up to one hundred people; as a result, people went to bars and shopping malls. Government had to make more restrictions. Current situation is way more different than what are you used to. Now you go out only with a face mask and if it is necessary.

We were used to do whatever we wanted, whenever we wanted. Due to our behaviour, the government enacted new emergency actions. The daily stuff you consider as ordinary could be persecuted. It's outlaw to cross borders. Everyone is in self-quarantine to protect others. It's illegal to deliberately spread the virus, you have to be in quarantine, and if you don't obey those restrictions; as consequence, you can go to jail or pay huge penalisation.

Despite the zeal of government, it's too late for these restrictions. Since the situation got out of our control we need to follow all these restrictions, to not make things even worse.

It's hard to stay informed. Information are obscure, however, one thing; is clear take care of yourself and your family, follow a basic hygiene, wash your hands and wear a face mask.

past /

Seem to do  
Seem to be..

are / pl.

going

events of ..

penalty / noun /

pres. perfect

Since sth  
has happened ..  
a process up to  
now.

information (is) obscure  
/ narrate /  
sing. verb

better here:

It's illegal to do

Nice work!

written in an  
informal, diaristic tone .. well-done.  
some comments on tense  
and usage above -

Thanks, -

Good +